

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Mutual Home Store of Greenville 1249 and 1257 Pendleton Street, Greenville, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 19, 2017.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 17-6470-NRP, will affect approximately 0.12 acres located at 1249 and 1257 Pendleton Street, Greenville, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Greenville County Tax Map Serial Number 0120000500200. A company known as Brains on Fire Properties, LLC (Brains on Fire) wants to acquire the property from the current owner. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Brains on Fire.

The property was formerly the location of a garage during the 1920s and as part of a drycleaner and fur storage facility during the 1960s and 1970s. These past activities may have caused environmental pollution on the property. The property is currently vacant.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. Brains on Fire plans to redevelop the property for an office building. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Brains on Fire to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activities on the property.

DHEC will not hold Brains on Fire responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Brains on Fire will test soil, groundwater and soil gas on the property. If significant contamination is found, Brains on Fire will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Brains on Fire did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for reuse. Under State law, Brains on Fire will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through July 19, 2017. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, by e-mail at gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0929, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.